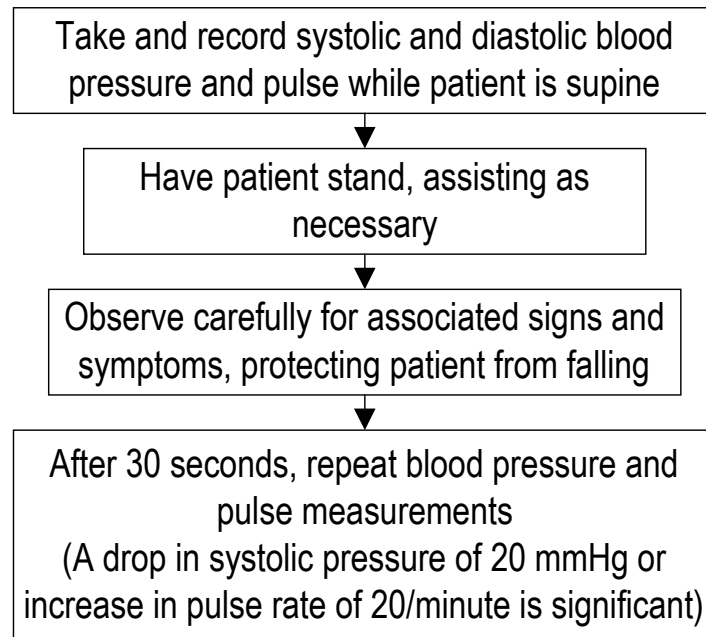


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
ORTHOSTATIC BLOOD
PRESSURE MEASUREMENT**

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Purpose: To measure postural blood pressure changes in patients with suspected hypovolemia.		Indications: Patients with suspected hypovolemia.	
Advantages: Multiple readings enable monitoring of patient's hemodynamic stability	Disadvantages: Improperly sized cuff may give false reading	Complications: Change in position may cause hypotension with associated symptoms	Contraindications: Supine systolic blood pressure <90



NOTES:

- Orthostatic (postural) hypotension is a drop in both systolic and diastolic blood pressure with a change from supine to sitting or standing position. It is generally accompanied by dizziness, blurred vision and/or syncope.